

Comments from Directors on the impact on service delivery resulting from capital slippage over £50,000.

Corporate Services

Project Name: Development of Black Rock Site
Cost Centre: D039

Budget £124,530 Expenditure £34,531

The Council owns the freehold of the site, which is currently vacant. Its objectives in marketing the site were to facilitate the most effective leisure orientated development for residents and visitors. In effect, this is a leasehold disposal to a third party developer, the process for which is being managed through the Major Projects Team. A more targeted use of internal resources has resulted in a reduced call upon the 2004/05 Strategic Investment Fund.

Project Name: Improved Access to Museums and Galleries
Cost Centre: D106

Budget £654,050 Expenditure £432,616

The basement stores were delayed until a solution to the water ingress problem was found. This prevented the tender and installation of storage equipment and the subsequent removal of collections which in turn would free up the Court Room for adaptation as the Community Lecture Facility. Until costs on remedying water ingress and on storage installation and removal were firmed up, the Archaeology Gallery was not in a position to proceed. The water problem has now been identified and remedial action taken.

Project Name: Brighton Centre Redevelopment
Cost Centre: D209

Budget £261,090 Expenditure £83,560

The brief for the redevelopment has been extended to explore the potential opportunities to secure significant improvements to the surrounding area. City-centre regeneration schemes are extremely complex and, to a large extent, progress is dependent on the actions of third parties and adjacent landowners. A more targeted use of internal resources has resulted in a reduced call upon the 2004/05 Strategic Investment Fund.

Project Name: Industrial Grants 2
Cost Centre: D301

Budget £534,750 Expenditure £339,932

There have been considerable delays in the programme due to time taken for applicants to secure the necessary planning consent for the improvement works. The slippage into quarter 1 of 2004/05 has been permitted by SEEDA as recognition of the delays in planning

consent. All the projects have now received their consents and the expenditure of the grant element of the programme will be completed by the end of Quarter 1.

Project Name: Disabled Adaptations – DDA Audits
Cost Centre: B714

Budget: £117,120 Expenditure £48,514

The main reason for the slippage is that the DDA audits have had to be prioritised which could not be done until considerable further consultations had been carried out with senior officers throughout the council. There is no impact on service delivery.

Project Name: Royal Pavilion Planned Maintenance
Cost Centre: B805

Budget: £105,360 Expenditure £34,568

A partnering contract is being set up by the Client Officer for a rolling programme of £1m of stonework repairs. It is anticipated that this will span a 5-year period dependent upon availability of funds. Setting up partnering arrangement involves greater time spent initially compared to traditional competitive tendering procedures. The works cannot be undertaken when there is the risk of low temperatures due to the historic building materials being used. Anticipated start mid 2004.

Project Name: Hove Town Hall Offices Planned Maintenance
Cost Centre: B841

Budget £75,000 Expenditure £12,010

Heating works completed using cost effective solutions. Enabling works for further air-conditioning provision is complete although unforeseen improvements required to the building's electrical system have delayed the start of the remainder of the work until mid 2004.

Project Name: Condition Surveys – Asset Management Plan
Cost Centre: B864

Budget £80,000 Expenditure £10,167

Phase 1 of the Access Audits has been commissioned and started June 2003. Highly competitive tenders received compared to initial pre-tender estimates. Later than anticipated start due to the need to advertise through OJEC. All audits will be completed around October 2004. Asset Management Plan Condition Surveys will commence in 2004 once the in-house team doubles the number of Building Surveyors and Building Services Engineers and has the available resources.

Housing & City Support

Project Name: Cash Incentive
Cost Centre: E020

Budget: £ 71,000 Expenditure £ 0

The scheme was restricted to a purchase or loan value of £135,000 for a private sector dwelling, by a council tenant, which effectively ruled out Brighton & Hove properties. This restriction has been lifted for 2004/05 and therefore the scheme will continue. Additionally, the scheme can be used for properties outside Brighton & Hove but there were no applicants for an out of area move.

Project Name: Housing Stock Programme
Cost Centre: E - various

Budget £ 13,553,600 Expenditure £ 13,364,903

The Housing Stock capital programme slippage amounts to £188,697 overall, representing 1.4% of the total programme. The slippage is a result of holding back on some programme works due to a potential overspend highlighted earlier in the year on empty property works. However, there were additional revenue contributions made in quarter three, which meant that works resumed, however some of this has slipped into 2004/05.

Project Name: Estate Development Budget
Cost Centre: E053

Budget £ 381,400 Expenditure £ 326,756

Slippage of the 2002/03 budget of £344,000 has been reprofiled into 2004/05 as previously reported. This was due to staff shortages and problems with planning permission which have now been resolved. However, the final outturn position shows further slippage of £54,600. The slippage and budget allocation for 2004/05 will be spent over the next two financial years.

Adult Social Care

Project Name: Knoll House
Cost Centre: H042

Budget £ 1,670,340 Expenditure £ 1,380,329

The slippage is due to an incorrect phasing of the budgeted spend and has not impacted on the service delivery. The building was completed slightly ahead of schedule in March 2004, and is due to be fully commissioned by the end of May, followed by a gradual phasing in of the service.

Children, Families & Schools

Project Name: Hollingdean SureStart Initiative
Cost Centre: G113

Budget £ 936,900 Expenditure £ 758,454

Expenditure in the 2003/04 financial year was lower than expected because of delays on the building site. This had no effect on service delivery in 2003/04 as it was never planned that the new Hollingdean Sure Start Centre would be open to deliver services in 2003/04. However, as a result of the building delays, the Hollingdean Sure Start Centre will be open about 6 – 8 weeks later than originally envisaged. This means service delivery (e.g. at the new Cherry Tree Nursery) will not start until June or July 2004 rather than in May 2004 as originally planned.

Project Name: Devolved Capital to Schools
Cost Centre: G109/G123

Budget £1,961,382 Expenditure £1,735,730

Devolved Formula Capital was introduced by the Department for Education and Skills to provide schools with funding they could direct to building improvement and structural maintenance issues. Schools have the ability to ask the LEA to carry forward their allocations for a maximum of 2 years after the year of allocation. A proportion of schools have made that request, which results in the identified carry forward.

Environment

Project Name: Restoration of Preston Park
Cost Centre: C106

Budget £176,000 Expenditure £103,885

Preston Park Project was delayed due to longer than anticipated design and specification work by contracted architects, we are currently negotiating with our funding partners, Heritage Lottery Fund, to finish the scheme this Autumn.

Project Name: Madeira Drive Regeneration
Cost Centre: D048

Budget £ 490,750 Expenditure £ 276,914

The future development of Madeira Drive will need to take account of the rapid transit system proposed for Brighton & Hove. Delays have been caused while consultation has taken place to ensure that the next phase of works would not be affected should a new transit system ultimately run along Madeira Drive. Work will commence shortly on the building of a children's toilet block in the children's playground.

Project Name: Seafront Development – Phase 7
Cost Centre: D007

Budget £ 429,544 Expenditure £ 21,957

Officers have been in consultation with the Heritage Lottery Fund regarding the restoration of the bandstand and the requirements and conditions of the application process. The tender submission has now been adjusted to take account of these requirements and to allow other elements of phase VII to progress, the contract has now been let, with work commencing on site from Monday 22 March.